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| This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons: | | | | |
| 1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely: Claim 9 is dependent on claim 9. | | | | |
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| This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows: | | | | |
| As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims. 2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee. 3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.: | | | | |
| A. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees. | | | | |